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Re: SELECTIVE TREATMENT OF MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECE SURFACES
Serial No. 10/647,914
Semitool Reference: P00-0024US3
Our Reference: 114183-20

Dear Pete:

Please find enclosed hard copies of the papers which I have prepared for filing in connection with the above matter, including:

- (a) Supplemental Response To Office Action Dated February 7, 2006;
- (b) Request To Add An Inventor Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48;
- (c) Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.48 And 1.131 Of Steven L. Peace;
- (d) Consent By Assignee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c); and
- (e) Replacement Declaration And Power Of Attorney.

I would ask you to have the Replacement Declaration And Power Of Attorney signed by the inventors who I understand are still in Semitool's employ, namely Messrs. Aegerter, Dundas and Ritzdorf. Through the attached correspondence, I have forwarded copies of the necessary materials to Messrs. Curtis, Jolley and Peace.

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It may well be that the Semitool inventors may wish to see the specification and current claims, and I am accordingly enclosing for their review a copy of the specification and the claims as they were most recently amended. Kindly let me know if any of them raise any questions respecting our course of action. I am also enclosing, in the event the inventors wish to review it, a copy of the papers associated with the addition of Mr. Peace as a co-inventor. They include his declaration and the request to add him as an inventor. And finally, I am enclosing a copy of the paper I propose to file in the PTO explaining why he should be added as an inventor.

As you requested, I am sending a copy of the foregoing materials to the other inventors who are no longer employed by Semitool, including Mr. Peace. I have provided a brief explanation for use by Mr. Curtis and Mr. Jolley. I believe Mr. Peace already understand what we are doing and why, based on my fairly extensive telephone conferences with him.

Kindly let me know if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

Keith V. Rockey

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Enclosures

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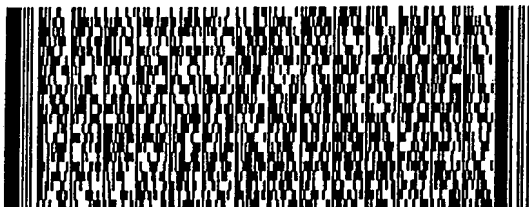


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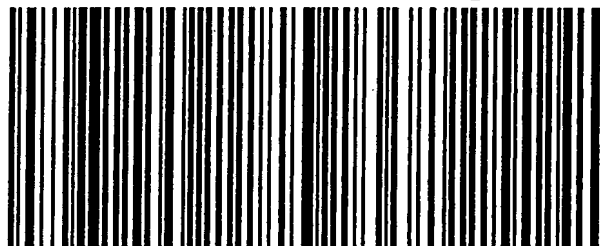
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